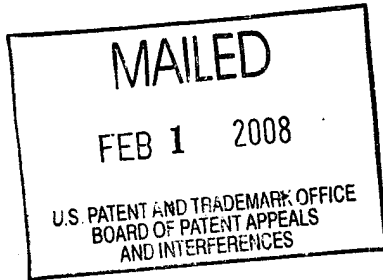


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES



Ex parte PITO SALAS et al.

Application 09/916,528

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on January 23, 2007. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed on August 24, 2004. It is not apparent from the record that the examiner considered the statements submitted or notified applicants of why their submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is being electronically returned to the Examiner for consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement filed August 24, 2004 and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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